

HOUSE BILL 1143

By Grills

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 13 and Title 55, relative to driver licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-504(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "or subsequent" wherever it appears.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-50-504(a), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(3) A third or subsequent violation of subdivision (a)(1) is a Class E felony.

Convictions occurring more than ten (10) years prior to the immediate violation shall not be considered for enhancement purposes under this subdivision (a)(3); provided,

however, that the department shall abide by all federal rules and regulations relative to the issuance, suspension, and revocation of driver licenses and qualification of drivers.

A person who drives a motor vehicle within the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained that is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel, or the premises of any shopping center, manufactured housing complex or apartment house complex, or any other premises frequented by the public at large at a time when the person's privilege to do so is cancelled, suspended, or revoked because of a third or subsequent conviction for vehicular assault under § 39-13-106, vehicular homicide under § 39-13-213, or driving while intoxicated under § 55-10-401 shall be punished by confinement for not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than the maximum punishment authorized for the appropriate range of a Class E felony, and, in addition, may be subject to a fine of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to any offense committed on or after that date.